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MIDDLE-EAST PROSPECT

RANGOON, SEPT 3 -- WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY (ENGLISH) SEPT 3
CARRIED EDITORIAL UNDER HEADING "MIDDLE-EAST PEACE PROSPECT".
FOLLOWING EXCERPTS: "IMPROBABLE AS IT MAY HAVE SEEMED A FEW MONTHS
OR EVEN A FEW WEEKS AGO, EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE NOW INITIALLED A
TRUCE ACCORD WHICH HAS EVERY LIKELIHOOD OF LEADING TO FURTHER
MIDDLE EAST PEACE MEASURES "IF IT WORKS" AS THE U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE PUT IT ... IT CERTAINLY IS NOT A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT,
BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS AN OBVIOUS TURNING POING IN THE MIDDLE EAST
CONFLICT ... WE ON OUR PART WELCOME ANY ENDEAVOUR WHICH SEEKS TO
SOLVE PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY. WE ARE EVEN MORE GRATIFIED AT THIS
JUNCTURE BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR MILITARY
SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS IN EFFECT A TRIUMPH OF THE DOCTRINE
OF PANCHA SILA ... THERE MAY, OF COURSE, BE CERTAIN PARTIES WHICH
MAY NOT BE PLEASED WITH THE TURN OF EVENTS ... WHAT IS IMPORTANT
IS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLEASED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT...THE
TWO SEEMINGLY IRRECONCILABLE FOES HAVE AT LAST AGREED THAT WAR
IS TO BE ABHORRED -- THAT THEY IN FACT HAVE NO NEED FOR RESORT TO
ARMS AND THAT THEY MAY WELL BE ABLE TO SOLVE ALL THEIR DIFFERENCES
PEACEFULLY ... THIS INDEED IS A TRIUMPH FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THE
TENETS OF PANCHA SILA, THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE.

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BUT ONCE THIS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THE REST WILL NOT BE LATE IN

COMING... HOWEVER, AT SUCH A TIME WHEN REALIZATION OF THE NEED FOR
PEACE IS SETTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT IS TRAGIC THAT IN OTHER
PARTS OF THE WORLD, BROTHER STILL CONTINUES TO FIGHT BROTHER AS IN
TIMOR AND ANGOLA WHERE CIVIL STRIFE HAS TURNED TO FRATRICIDAL
CONFLICT... WE HOPE THAT THESE AND OTHER CONFLICTS WHICH ARE TAKING
PLACE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD TODAY MAY EVENTUALLY BE
RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AS IT IS BEING DONE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL
IN THE MIDDLE EAST."
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